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IN THE CLAIMS:

1-16 (Canceled).

17. (Previously Presented) A waste removal device for collecting waste material, said device comprising;

a first sheet having an inner surface, a first end, and a longitudinal edge,

a second sheet spaced from said first end and having first and second side edges attached to said first sheet,

said second sheet at least partially overlying said inner surface,

said longitudinal edge of said first sheet being at least three times a length of said side edges of said second sheet,

said first and second sheets defining an envelope having an opening for storing the waste material, and

a third sheet made from an absorbent material and affixed to said first end of said first sheet and substantially overlying said inner surface of said first sheet and extending into said opening of said envelope.

18. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 17 wherein said third sheet includes a first end affixed to said first end of said first sheet and said third sheet extends to a second end that is unattached in said opening thereby allowing said second end to move within said opening during use.

19. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 17 wherein said first and second sheets are made from plastic and are rectangular in configuration and said third sheet is rectangular in configuration.

20. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 17 wherein said third sheet is affixed to said first sheet by one of pressure sealing, heat sealing, and stitching.

21. (Canceled).

22. (New) A waste removal device for collecting waste material, comprising:
a first sheet having an inner surface and a first end;
a second sheet attached to said first sheet and partially overlying said inner surface to define an envelope having an opening for storing the waste material; and
a third sheet formed from an absorbent material and affixed adjacent to said first end of said first sheet with said third sheet substantially overlying said inner surface of said first sheet and partially extending into said opening of said envelope, said third sheet remaining affixed to said first end of said first sheet when a user grasps the waste material and rolls said first and third sheets about the waste material and about themselves into said envelope to store the waste material therein.

23. (New) The device as set forth in claim 22 wherein said third sheet includes first and second ends with said first end being affixed to said first end of said first sheet and said second end being unattached from said first sheet in said opening to allow said second end to move within said opening during said grasping of the waste material and said rolling of said first and third sheets about the waste material.

24. (New) The device as set forth in claim 22 wherein said first and second sheets are flexible and made from plastic and are rectangular in configuration and said third sheet is flexible and rectangular in configuration.

25. (New) The device as set forth in claim 23 wherein said second sheet includes first and second side edges attached to said first sheet and said first sheet includes a longitudinal edge at least two times a length of each of said side edges.

26. (New) The device as set forth in claim 23 wherein said second sheet includes first and second side edges attached to said first sheet and said first sheet includes a longitudinal edge at least three times a length of each of said side edges.

27. (New) The device as set forth in claim 23 wherein said third sheet is unobstructed and open to atmosphere between said opening and said first end.

28. (New) A waste removal device for collecting waste material, comprising:
a first sheet having a rectangular configuration with an inner surface, a first end, and a longitudinal edge;

a second sheet having a rectangular configuration and including first and second side edges attached to said first sheet with said longitudinal edge of said first sheet being at least two times a length of each of said side edges, said second sheet partially overlying said inner surface of said first sheet to define an envelope having an opening for storing the waste material;

a third sheet formed from an absorbent material in a rectangular configuration, said third sheet substantially overlying said inner surface of said first sheet and partially extending into said opening of said envelope; and

said third sheet including a first end affixed to said first end of said first sheet and said third sheet extending to a second end that is unattached in said opening thereby allowing said second end to move within said opening when said first and third sheets are rolled about the waste material and into said opening during use.

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29. (New) The device as set forth in claim 28 wherein said third sheet remains affixed to said first end of said first sheet when a user grasps the waste material and rolls said first and third sheets about the waste material and about themselves into said envelope to store the waste material therein

30. (New) The device as set forth in claim 28 wherein said third sheet is unobstructed and open to atmosphere between said opening and said first end.

31. (New) The device as set forth in claim 28 wherein said third sheet is affixed to said first sheet by one of pressure sealing, heat sealing, and stitching.

32. (New) The device as set forth in claim 28 wherein said longitudinal edge is at least three times said length of each of said side edges.